(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

Rehabilitation and welfare of leprosy-affected disabled persons

1826. SHRI AMIR ALAM KHAN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plan and comprehensive rehabilitation and welfare of leprosy-affected disabled persons;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the funds allocated and released during the last year and the details of its utilization during that period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) and (b) The Ministry of Health & Family Welfare is already implementing Disability Prevention & Medical Rehabilitation (DPMR) Services to leprosy affected persons under the National Leprosy Eradication Programme. Under the programme, Micro Cellular Rubber (MCR) footwear, dressing materials, splints and drugs for management of leprosy reactions are provided to leprosy affected persons. The eligible leprosy affected persons with disability are also motivated for reconstructive surgery so that their physical functional ability is improved.

(b) Under the National Leprosy Eradication Programme funds allocated, released & expenditure by States during 2006-07 including DPMR activities is as below-

(Rs. In lakhs)

Year	Allocation	Released	Expenditure
2006-07	3875.00	3002.66	3256.76

Rehabilitation of visually handicapped

1827. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to implement any specific scheme for the rehabilitation of visually impaired persons in the country during the Eleventh Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the salient features of the scheme and the amount allocated for the purpose;

(c) the number of visually impaired persons in the country at present, State-wise; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government for their security and welfare, particularly those of females, at present?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) to (d) A statement ting State-wise number of persons with visual disabilities in the country, as per the us, 2001 is given in Statement (*See* below). Recently a scheme for promotion of loyment in the private sector, for persons with disabilities including visual impaired has